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1. EMBOFFS RAISED SUBJECT OF ZAIRIAN VIEWS ON LDC DEBT PROBLEM WITH FINANCE MINISTRY COUNSELOR DJAMBOLEKA WHO RECONFIRMED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ZAIRIAN VIEW THAT RELIEF MUST BE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. HE CITED THE CONTINUED GOZ ADHERENCE TO THE PARIS CLUB FORMAT FOR DEBT RELIEF DISCUSSION. SPEAKING OF THE RECENT BRITISH PROPOSAL ON ODA DEBT HE NOTED THAT WHILE THIS SORT OF RELIEF WAS QUITE USEFUL FOR SOME COUNTRIES ZAIRE AND OTHERS LIKE IT WOULD ACTUALLY DERIVE VERY LITTLE BENEFIT. HE WENT ON TO ADD THAT THIS CASE BY CASE APPROACH IS ONE ZAIRE HAS BEEN CALLED ON TO DEFEND SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST.

2. COMMENT: DEBT CONFERENCE AND ZAIRIAN ROLE AS G-77 SPOKESMAN HAVE BEEN WELL COVERED IN LOCAL PRESS. REPORTS OF THE BRITISH PROPOSAL HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY
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COMMENTARY SIMILAR TO THE ARGUMENTS MADE BY DJAMBOLEKA DESPITE THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE G-77. THIS WOULD SEEM TO REINFORCE THE IDEA THAT THE GOZ PUTS ITS OWN IDEA OF ITS BEST INTERESTS AHEAD OF THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY WHEN IT COMES TO ACTUALLY WORKING OUT SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS SUCH AS DEBT RELIEF, DESPITE RHETORIC TO THE CONTRARY. CURRENT GOZ ROLE

AS G-77 SPOKESMAN MAY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOZ TO
SHOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY ON DEBT ISSUE IN UNCTAD CONTEXT,
BUT THIS IS UNLIKELY TO AFFECT ITS OWN EFFORTS AT
BILATERAL DEBT RELIEF.
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